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FOR: Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Carter FROM: Rev. Jesse Jackson

DATE: November 25, 1978 SUBJECT: Request for Commission to Investigate the Guyana Calamity

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 1/12/79 NSC#

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ACTION TAKEN:

_x_ A draft reply is attached.

____ A draft reply will be forwarded.

____ A translation is attached.

____ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.

____ Other

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SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Reverend Jackson:

Thank you for your letter of November 25, 1978 requesting that a commission be appointed to investigate the tragedy at Jonestown, Guyana. As you may know, the Federal Government through the Departments of State and Defense have already expended millions of dollars to return the survivors and the deceased members of the Peoples Temple to the United States.

At this time, the House International Relations Committee has already begun an inquiry into the bizarre circumstances that caused the deaths of so many people. The Department of Justice is presently assisting the Guyanese authorities in their investigation of the murder of Congressman Ryan and others in his party as well as

Reverend Jesse L. Jackson,
President,
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